

**COMMENT OF
THE DAY**

Japan's Road Back

A HISTORIAN writing on Japan in 1940 drew attention to the fact that one of the most amazing developments of the last 90 years had been the transition of Japan from a country hermetically sealed from the rest of the world and resolutely isolationist to a leading world power. It appeared as if her expansion was a deliberate programme carried through with preternatural resolution and persistence but actually it was the result of many factors—chiefly economic and political—which aggressive forces within the country later capitalised upon to justify initially belligerent and eventually ambitious expansionist policies. There were also important psychological factors which gave impetus to this growth and the eventual grudging acceptance of her equality by Western nations proved to be not merely a well-earned reward with which Japan was prepared to rest contented but an incentive to even greater effort.

It is important to understand this background for today the same economic factors which were responsible for the country's rapid rise at the turn of the century continue to exert themselves. Japan, it was said, 20 years ago, presented a combination of a superiority and an inferiority complex and that much is still true today. Hiroshima still stands as a ranking monument to Japan's humiliation by the Western powers which she emulated to achieve her position of dominance in the Far East in the pre-war years. Even today her way lies not with the West and the presence of American garrisons on her shores only tends to remind her of her fallen status. At the same time the Japanese have not forgotten that their country was the land of the Gods, that they were the first Oriental nation to win admission to the exclusive ranks of the pre-war great Western powers and they are now being challenged to reassert themselves as an Asian power.

THE new Hatoyama Government, it is said, plans to change the country's foreign policy to a more "neutralist position" in the coming year which will undoubtedly have as its aim the establishment of ties of friendship with her powerful Communist neighbours. The Government seems convinced that both economically and politically this new policy has distinct advantages, for trade with the Chinese mainland and Russia offers new outlets for her goods and a possible cure to her present economic ills. Politically the new policy offers the prospect of a resurgent Japan as an independent great power in Asia—on equal terms with China and India. Experience dictates a middle course now but if development of relations with Asian neighbours promises to be the flood that leads on to fortune, then neutralism will only be a fleeting intermediate phase. And it will, incidentally, mark an important milestone on Japan's road back to her pre-war power which no Asian nation—not even those who now seek to draw her away from the Western camp—can accept with equanimity.

'TYPHOON' TYSON DOES IT AGAIN!

Claims Six Wickets. In 80 Devastating Minutes
SENSATIONAL COLLAPSE BY AUSTRALIAN BATSMEN

Melbourne, Jan. 5.

Australia, 75 for two overnight, collapsed sensationally in her bid today for the remaining 165 runs required to win the third Test, and were all out for 111. England thus won by 128 runs.

"Typhoon" Tyson again proved the match-winner for England, as in the second Test. He was in devastating form and was mainly responsible for the unexpected Australian collapse, in which eight wickets fell in 80 minutes for only 36 runs.

Tyson took six of the eight wickets that fell this morning for 15 runs on a pitch described as "uneven." And his final analysis showed the remarkable figures of 12.3 overs, one maiden, 27 runs, seven wickets. In the second Test he took six wickets for 86 runs.

Statham took the other two wickets this morning.

Frank Tyson struck the first blow for England shortly after the resumption of play today dismissing Neil Harvey in his first over after Australia had added only two runs to their overnight score of 75 for two.

Harvey was caught by Evans behind the wicket for 11—and Australia was three down for 77, still requiring 163 to win with seven wickets standing. Commentators said the pitch was still "not bad."

THIRD TEST HIGHLIGHTS

Cowdrey scored maiden Test century in 1st innings 102 out of 191.

Statham bowling in the 1st innings took five wickets for 60 runs.

Peter May scored 91 in the 2nd innings and Johnny Wardle in short stay made a knock of 38 brightly - compiled runs.

Tyson took 7 wickets for 27 runs in 12.3 overs.

by next getting rid of Richie Benaud and Keith Miller in one over. Benaud was bowled for 22 and Miller was caught by Hutton for six.

Spectacular Waterfront Blaze In New York

New York, Jan. 4. A spectacular fire broke out on the West side waterfront tonight, causing a rush-hour traffic jam. Firemen brought the flames under control in less than an hour.

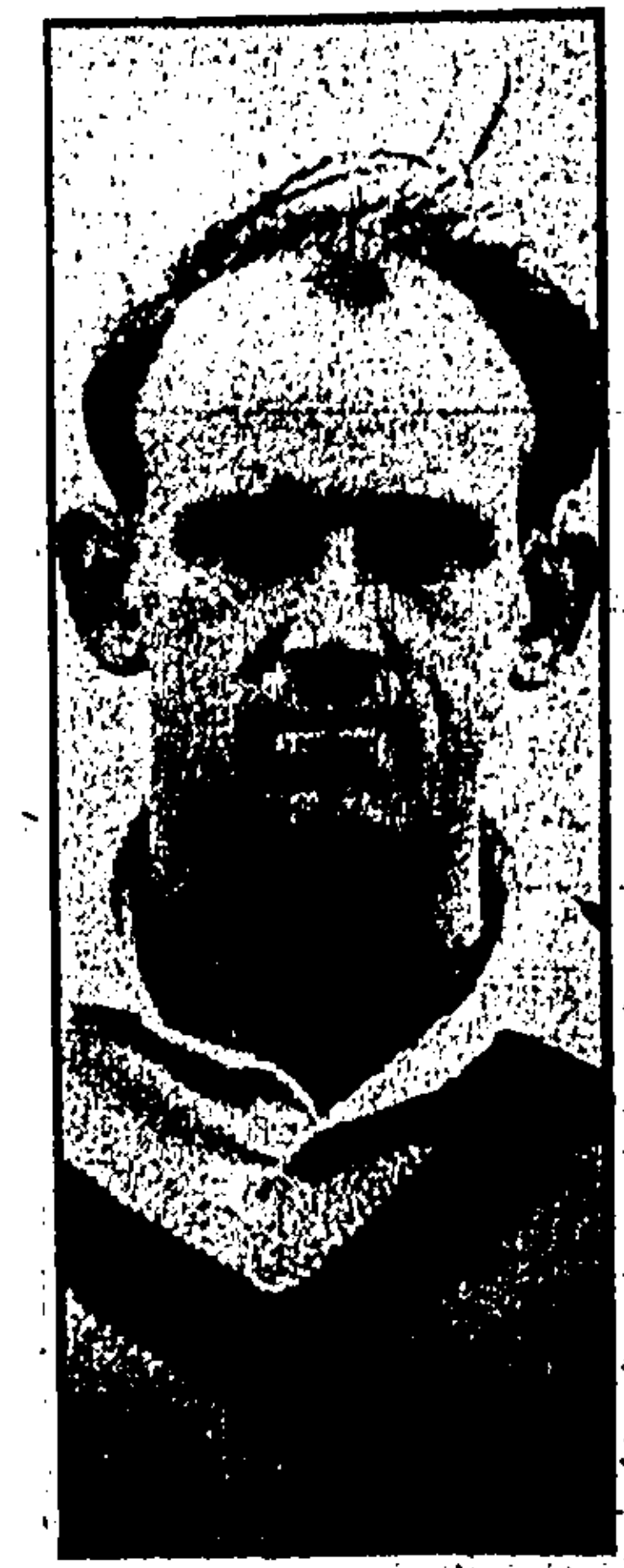
Eleven Coast Guard fireboats, four City fireboats and several barges equipped to fight fires joined firemen from about 40 City fire companies in battling the blaze.

The authorities believed the fire started in a top-floor record room of the three-storey "Shed," linking Piers 20 and 21, which houses public auction offices.

IMPATIENT MOTORISTS Impatient motorists, caught at the height of the evening rush hour, were forced to use head-lights to penetrate the dense smoke. Traffic was tied up on the West side highway, a major artery, and in the tunnels to New Jersey and Brooklyn. The ferries to New Jersey and Staten Island were delayed.

Vincent A.G. O'Connor, Commissioner of Marine and Aviation, said the two fires were valued at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, but he did not believe the fire damage would run to that. —United Press.

And Here's The Hero



FRANK TYSON

Tyson's three wickets this morning were taken at a cost of only four runs, and his analysis was then four wickets for 17.

GRAEME HOLE GOES Next Statham got Graeme Hole caught by Evans for five—and Australia were six down for only 97.

An England victory seemed almost certain when Tyson clean bowled Maddocks for a "duck."

Tyson then showed his devastating form, and further raised England's hopes of a victory by next getting rid of

Australia was then 97 for seven—142 behind—with only three wickets standing.

COLLAPSE CONTINUES The collapse continued as Tyson, in the same over, had Lindwall left before—and Australia were eight down for 98.

Australia—1st Innings—231 runs.

Australia—2nd Innings

A. Morris, c. Cowdrey, b. Tyson 4

Les Fyfe, b. Tyson 30

R. Benaud, b. Tyson 22

Harvey, c. Evans, b. Tyson 11

Miller, c. Hutton, b. Tyson 6

Hole, c. Evans, b. Statham 5

Archer, bowled Statham 10

Maddocks, bowled Tyson 0

Lindwall, b. Tyson 0

Tan Johnston, not out 4

W. Johnston, c. Evans, b. Tyson 0

Extras 14

Total: All out for 111

Bowling

O. M. R. W.

Tyson 12.3 1 27 7

Statham 11 1 38 2

Appleyard 4 1 17 1

Bailey 3 0 14 0

Wardle 1 0 1 0

New Job For U.S. 'Security Risk'

Washington, Jan. 4. The U.S. Foreign Aid Agency has decided to employ Mr. Wolf Lodevinsky, Russian-born land reform expert ousted as U.S. Agricultural Attaché in Tokyo as a security risk, it was learned today.

Informed sources said Mr. Harold E. Stassen's Foreign Operations Administration is satisfied with Lodevinsky's security status. He is expected to go to work for the agency almost immediately at the critical task of supervising land reform in Indo-China.

The FOA is expected to make an announcement on the appointment tomorrow. —United Press.

Cameraman's Lucky Escape From Shark

Hurghada, Red Sea Coast, Jan. 4.

An Egyptian underwater cameraman was lucky to escape with his life today, after a one-sided underwater duel with a giant shark.

A member of a French team of underwater explorers, the Egyptian, Marcel Bessut, was "shooting" a school of large-shape sharks with a special underwater cine-camera in the Hurghada Bay, when one of his "stars" suddenly attacked him.

The shark's first objective was the cine-camera. He took a large bite of it, circled round Bessut and attacked again and again. First the diver lost one of his "free-feet," then most of his underwater clothing.

Just in time, two French members of the team managed to bring Bessut to the surface and dragged him from the sea. The Egyptian got away with minor injuries in his feet and legs.

Despite this incident, which could easily have proved fatal, the underwater explorers decided to carry on. —France-Press.

U.S. Security Employee Gets 7 Years Prison

Alexandria, Virginia, Jan. 4.

Joseph S. Petersen, who was employed by the Government's secret national security agency for 13 years, was sentenced today to seven years' imprisonment for removing classified documents and keeping them in his flat.

United States District Judge Albert Bryan, sentencing 40-year-old Petersen, said documents Petersen had kept were "gravely important." The information in them could have "in fact may have" very serious consequences for the security of the United States, he said.

He said Petersen had "deliberately violated the trust and confidence" which the Government had placed on him.

PLEADED GUILTY Petersen had pleaded guilty on December 22 to said Government secrets "in a manner prejudicial to the safety and interests of the United States." The judge said then he would defer sentence and hear evidence on that charge today.

Petersen was arrested last October 9 and charged with improperly taking the information with "reason to believe" it was being used by a foreign power.

The United States later identified the Netherlands as the government with which Petersen exchanged information. —Reuter.

UK Snowfalls Heaviest Since 1947

EUROPE TURNS WHITE IN BIG FREEZE

London, Jan. 4.

Blizzards, snowdrifts and treacherous icy roads were reported from many parts of Europe today as the Continent passed through the fourth day of its coldest spell this winter.

Reuter despatches from European capitals drew this picture:

LONDON: The first blizzard of the winter struck Britain today carpeting parts of the country in man-size snow, drifts, dislocating road, rail and air traffic and sending shipping around the coasts scurrying for shelter.

A motoring organisation spokesman said it was the heaviest snowfall in a day for many years. Roads in more than half the country were affected.

The worst hit areas were in Western England, where gales whipped snowdrifts up to 12 feet high, cut off villages in the Dartmoor district and left grim Dartmoor gull isolated from the outside world.

The heaviest snowfall since 1947 blanketed the Thames Valley today and at Windsor, it lay six inches deep with the snow still falling and drifts piling feet high.

In London and its outskirts, cars and buses alighted to a crawl on snow and ice-bound roads and suburban rail services were delayed and curtailed.

PARIS: Snowstorms lashed most of France and deep drifts were reported from many areas. Train schedules and mail deliveries were affected.

About 12 people were killed in accidents on icy Paris roads.

ROME: Snow and ice were reported from all over Northern Italy. In the Alto Adige region in the Dolomites, the temperature dropped to 13 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, the lowest this winter.

BRUSSELS: All trotting races at Sierrebe near Brussels were cancelled when the course froze into a sheet of ice.

Street played havoc with road, rail and air services tonight.

VIENNA: The Municipality appealed to the Viennese to protect water pipes in their homes against severe frost. Fresh snowfalls were reported from nearly all parts of Austria.

GENEVA: Switzerland was luckier than other countries and the sun shone nearly everywhere while temperatures rose slowly. Major winter sports resorts continue to report ideal conditions with ski fields sparkling in brilliant sunshine.

FRANKFURT: The United States Army reported it had spread nearly 100 tons of sand and 5,000 pounds of salt on icy roads in southwest Germany in the past three days.

STOCKHOLM: In central Sweden, temperatures fell below freezing point, and there were slight snowfalls. In Lapland it rained and temperatures above freezing were recorded.

MOSCOW: Holiday makers on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus were basking in sunshine. Moscow radio reported, "Beaches were crowded and many plants were flowering much earlier than usual."

REUTER.

Big Claim Against 3 Government Doctors

Mr Joseph Leslie Quile, retired Hongkong businessman, of the Miramar Hotel, has made a claim for almost \$250,000 damages against three Government medical men, being costs for injury to himself due to their alleged negligence.

Defendants in the case, which will have its first hearing at Supreme Court on Monday, are Dr. Pow-Meng-yap, of the Mental Hospital, Dr. S.H. Moore, of the Medical Department, and Professor A.J.S. Macfarlane, of Queen Mary Hospital.

The statement of claim is for damages for one or more of the following matters:

TWO MATTERS.

(1) The detention of plaintiff in a mental house for observation.

(2) The certification of plaintiff as being of unsound mind and his consequential confinement at the mental house.

Measures John McNeill, R. Winter and Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, will appear for plaintiff while Mr. D. O'Reilly-Moore and Mr. J. MacRobert, of the Legal Department, will represent defendants.

Mr Quile was detained at the Mental Hospital in March 1952. In April he was returned from Cambridge, England, and took his father to London.

There, Mr. Quile was allegedly examined and termed "incapable of pronouncing Harley Street consultants."

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Britain To Hand Back Territory To Ethiopia

London, Jan. 5.

Britain will hand back to Ethiopia, as February 28 border territories on the Somali frontier which it has administered since British forces freed them from Italian occupation in World War II.

The Foreign Office, announcing this today, said the agreement with Ethiopia was signed on November 29 when the Ethiopian Foreign Minister, Ato Akilou Wold, was in London.

The agreement allows Somali tribes to retain grazing rights in the areas which they have had since 1897. About half of the 600,000 nomadic population of British Somaliland spends six months of every year in the territories tending their grazing flocks.

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Eden Plans To Reassure Nehru

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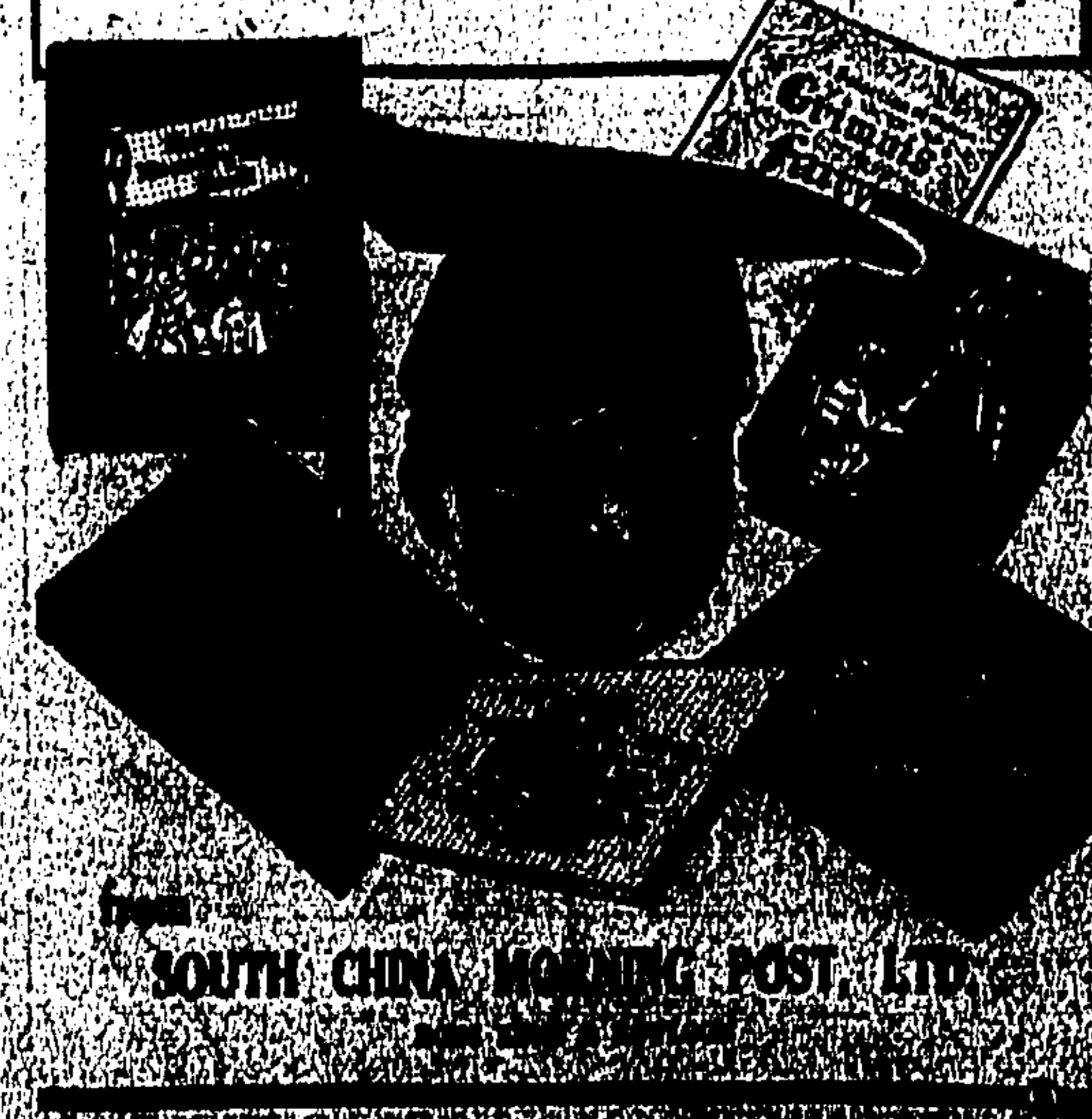
Sir Anthony Eden is expected to reassure Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, about the entirely defensive character of the Western sponsored South-east Asian Defence Pact, when they meet in New Delhi next month, diplomatic sources said tonight.

The British Foreign Secretary is to stop in the Indian capital for talks with Mr. Nehru either on his way to or back from the Foreign Ministers' meeting at the eight SEATO countries in Bangkok on February 23.

Sir Anthony Eden would then be able to inform Mr. Nehru personally of the decisions of the SEATO powers about the permanent organisation they are to set up to organise defence against Communist subversion in the area or to deal with any military attack against the territory covered by the pact.

India, which opposes any moves liable to harden the division of the world into two power blocs, is severely critical of the pact signed in Manila last September. —Reuter.

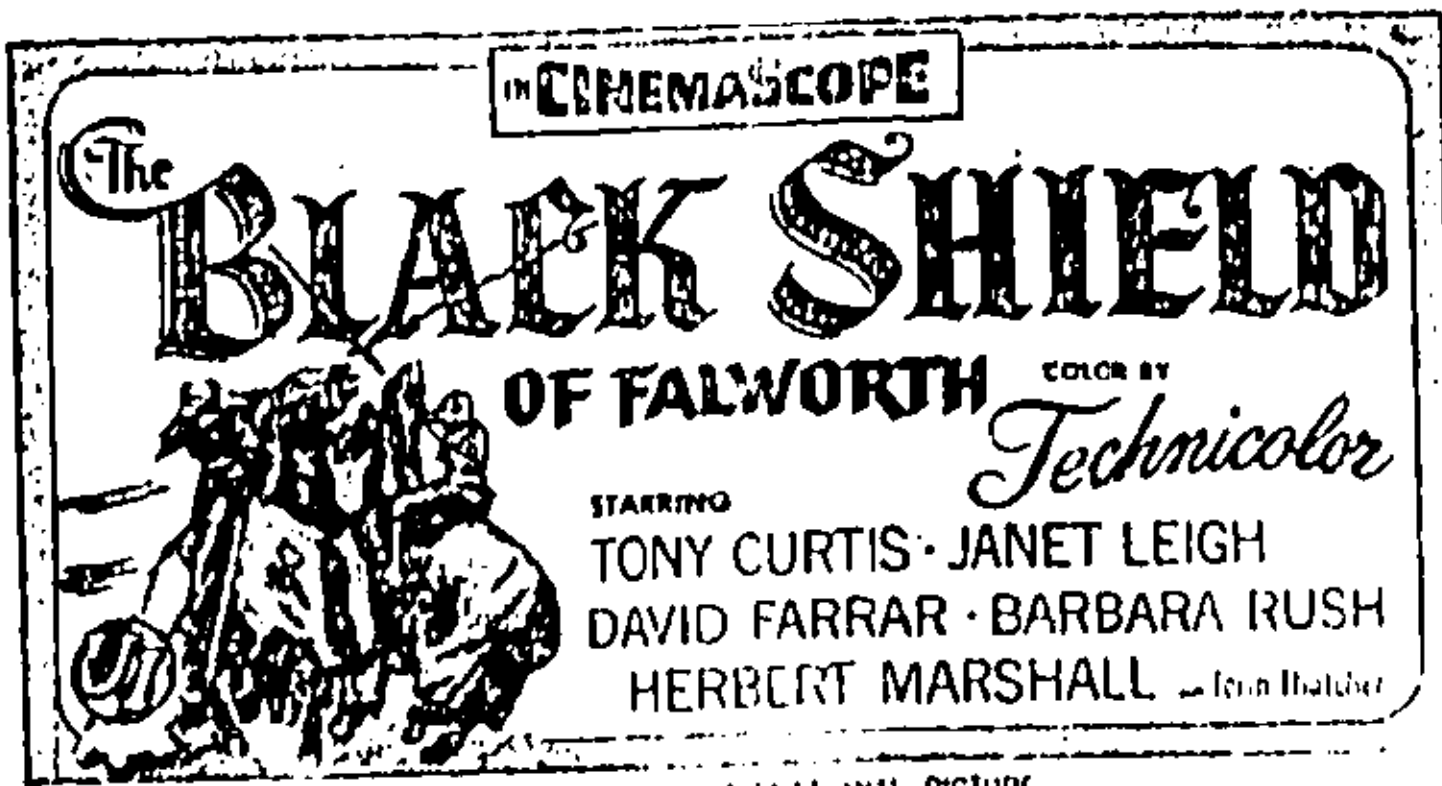
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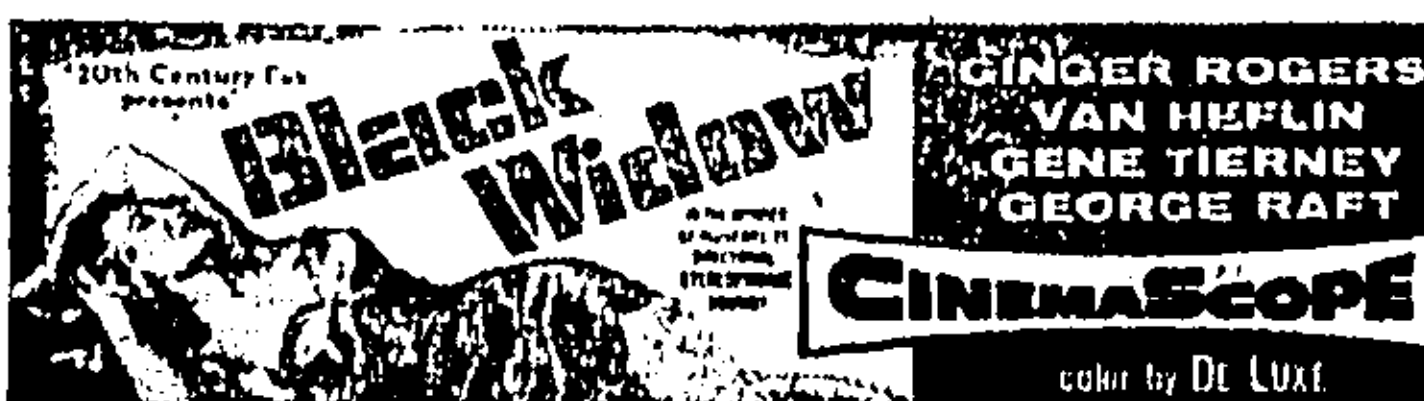
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Land Forces Are Still Decisive Element In Military Power 'MASSIVE RETALIATION' THEORY IS WRONG



Ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia and his wife, Alexandra, who have been separated for a year with divorce proceedings pending, have now become reconciled. They met unexpectedly at Gstaad, Switzerland, while both were there to visit their 9-year-old son who is at school, and decided to make up their quarrels at a Christmas dinner party.—Express Photo.

FRANCO-TUNISIAN TALKS

Mr France May Intervene

Paris, Jan. 4.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France appeared to be ready tonight to intervene personally in the stalled Franco-Tunisian self-rule negotiations in an attempt to bring them to a swift and successful conclusion.

The talks will resume tonight between the Minister for Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs, M. Christian Fouchet, and a Tunisian delegation.

The Premier is expected to call in both the French and the Tunisian delegations in the next day or two, listen to their arguments and try to act as an arbiter between them.

The self-rule talks, which started off in an aura of goodwill last September, have bogged down in recent weeks on the question of control of the Police, the courts and the schools in Tunisia. But informed sources said that the only apparently insurmountable obstacle is control of the Police.

EMPTY GESTURE
Tunisian negotiators insist that without power to the police themselves, France's vaunted offer of autonomy is nothing but an empty gesture.

M. Mendes-France was reported to have some new ideas on how to surmount that difficulty.

Responsible French and Tunisian circles were alarmed over the inflammatory statement by the Neo-Destour (New Constitution) Secretary-General, General Salah Ben Youssef, yesterday that France never had any intention of granting Tunisia home rule.

The statement was published in all Tunis newspapers today but without comment. Meanwhile, French military authorities in Algiers announced that three fellaghas were killed, five wounded and four made prisoners in a battle with a French infantry unit yesterday on the Tunisian-Algerian border.

They were members of Tanar Lamsoud's band, officials said, who had been refused amnesty by the French during the period when the outlaws were called upon to lay down their arms. Lamsoud was refused amnesty because of his implication in two murders.

In Morocco, isolated acts of terrorism continued to claim lives. Six terrorists, including two members of the dreaded Fzmaln Weir (Black Hand) band, were executed near Rabat today and the French authorities announced that the assassin of the noted French newspaper editor Dr Eyraud would go on trial tomorrow.

OUTSPOKEN
Dr Eyraud, Director of the Vigne Marocaine, was shot and killed on June 30 as he was walking to work. He was a forthright and outspoken opponent of Moroccan nationalism. Only one of his accused murderers has been captured. The other, reported to be in Spanish Morocco, will be tried in absentia.—United Press.

Washington, Jan. 4.
The Army, in an implied criticism of the Administration's "massive retaliation" theory and primary reliance on air power, asserts that land forces are still the "decisive" element in military power.

This view is contained in the latest issue of the Army's field manual on operations. In answer to inquiries, the Army today made public the introduction to the manual. The rest is labelled "for official use only."

While the document is dated September 27, it was regarded as especially significant in view of military manpower cuts recently ordered by President Eisenhower. The cuts fall most heavily on the Army, which is slated to reduce to 1,000,000 men by mid-1956. The Army had expected to maintain its strength at 1,173,000 men.

SHARPLY QUESTIONED

Leading Democrats in both Houses have sharply questioned the military cut-backs and promised full hearings on the issue.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff who questioned the wisdom of earlier Army cuts last year, will be prepared to state his frank views of the new slashes.

The Army manual is written in careful military terminology for use of army forces and does not specifically refer to the "massive retaliation" theory propounded by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles. But this theory, and the Administration's current heavy emphasis on greater air power, are indirectly criticized.

"Army forces, as land forces, are the decisive component of the military structure by virtue of their unique ability to close with and destroy the organized and irregular forces of an enemy power or coalition of powers," the manual states. It says army forces do not support navy and air force operations, but both Navy and Air forces support armies.

MINIMUM DAMAGE

Army forces, it states in an obvious effort to contrast land power with air power, "are designed to apply power directly against military power with minimum damage to civilian populations and economies."

Asserting that "indiscriminate destruction is unjustifiable in a military sense," the manual says armies do not destroy "the basis on which a peace can be built when the conflict is over."—United Press.

—AND THE NAVY HAS A PLACE

London, Jan. 4.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr J. P. Thomas, replied here tonight to critics who claim that navies have no place in a world which is dominated by guided missiles and nuclear weapons.

Recently, Lord Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, declared that in any future conflict, navies would be outmoded. Mr Thomas said tonight that geographical factors cannot be changed at will and went on, "The Navy still has the old problem of ensuring the control of sea communications. We still live on an island and, if a war comes, we shall starve in a short time without control of the seas."

He said, "It is unfortunate that the critics of the Navy—distinguished though they may be—should forget these simple and fundamental truths."—France-Press.

LONG CHESS MATCH

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.
Two years ago Rasmus Figen, of Eggebek near Tonder on the Danish-German border, started a game of chess by correspondence with his brother, H. P. Figen, of Eggebek, Dordrecht, South Australia.

So far each brother has made thirteen moves since the game started.—China Mail Special.



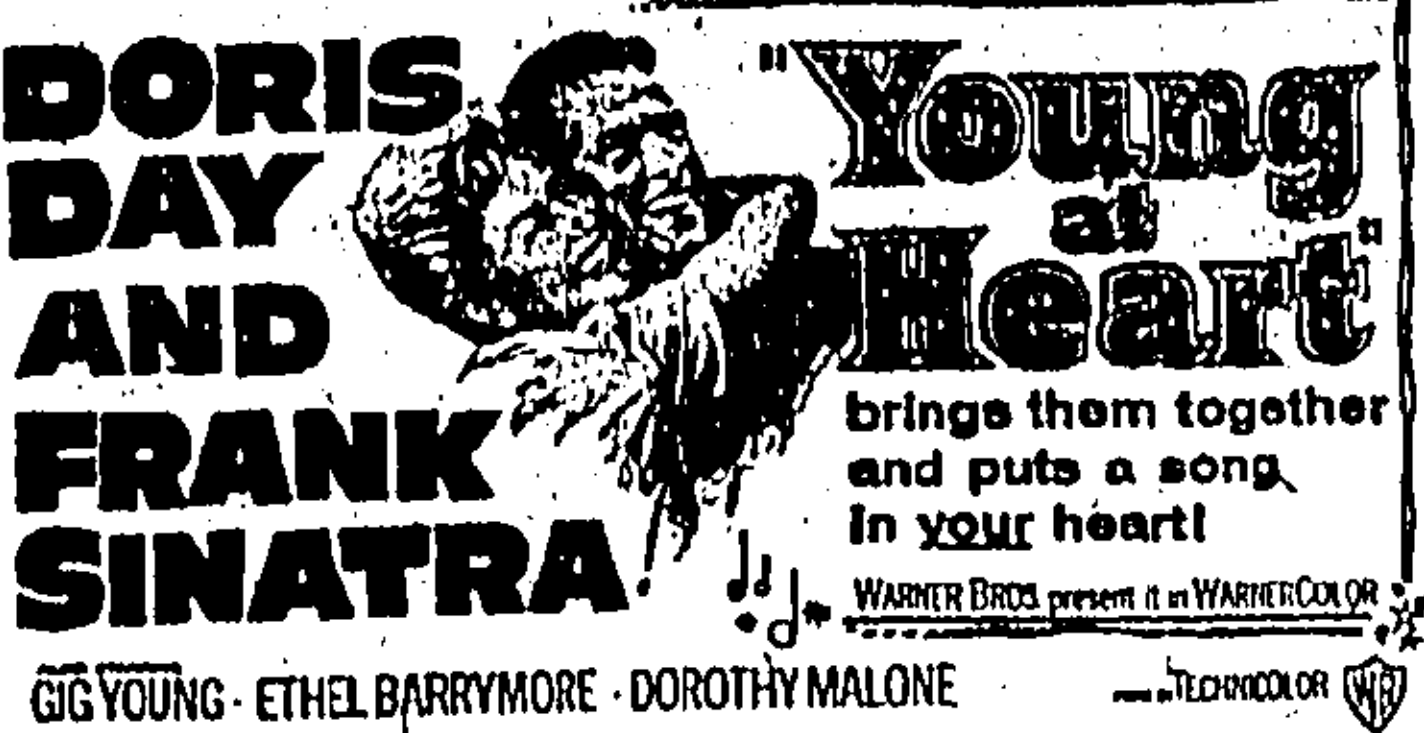
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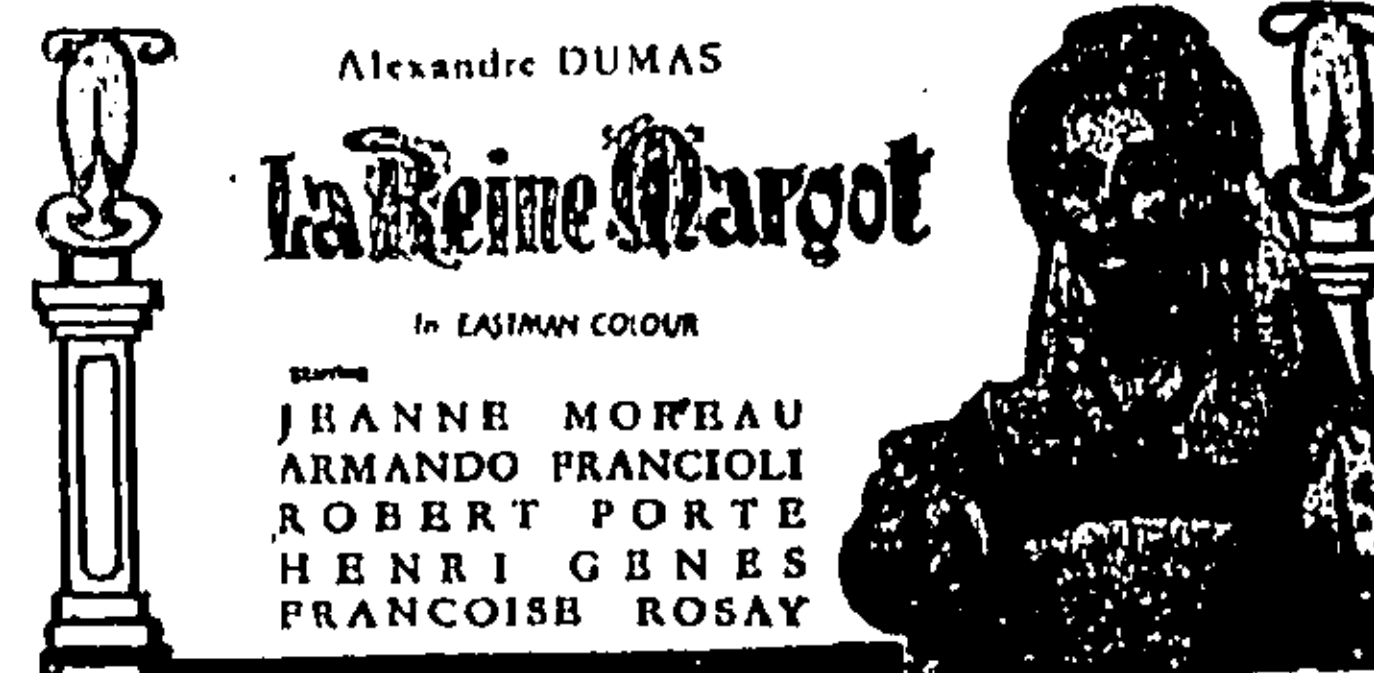
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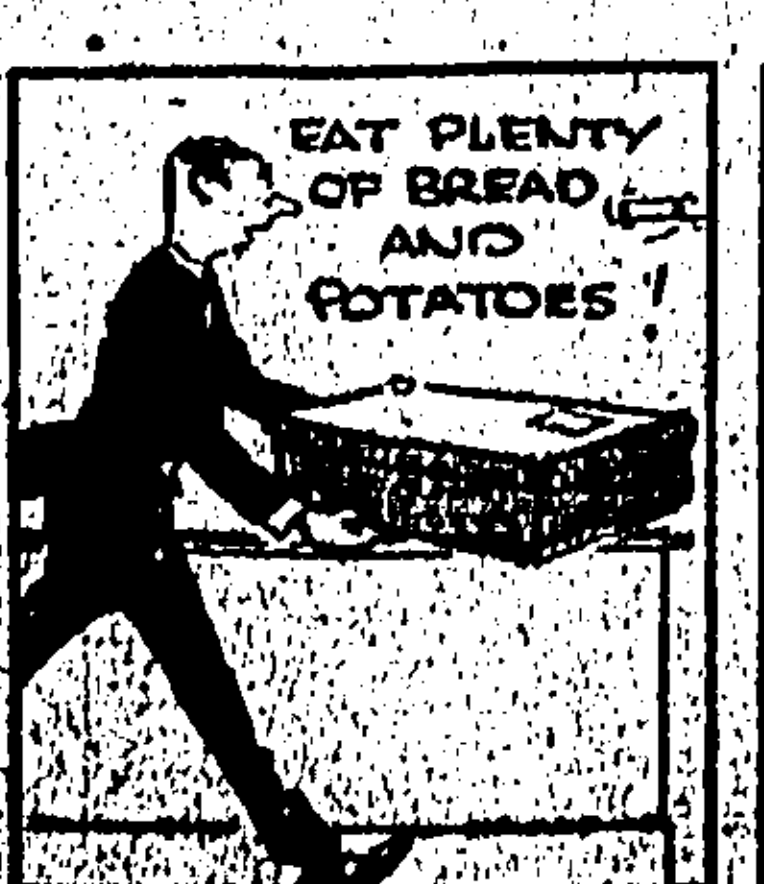
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CONTROL OF SUEZ CANAL

Rings Ready For Shipboard Romances

Melbourne, Jan. 4. Passengers who fall in love on the liner Orsova, travelling between Australia and Britain, can buy engagement rings on the ship.

The British Jewellery Industry suggested to the Orient Line that it try out carrying a stock of engagement rings for shipboard romances.

If the idea works, other Orient liners will have a stock of rings.

Prices range from £10 to £500.—China Mail Special.

DUAL ROLE FOR LOUW

Pretoria, Jan. 5. The South African Prime Minister, Mr. J. G. van der Westhuizen, announced today that Mr. E. Louw, Minister of Finance, is to be Minister for Foreign Affairs while retaining his present post.

Mr. Louw will assume the new portfolio when he arrives in Cape Town for the parliamentary session beginning this month.

When Mr. Strijdom announced his Cabinet last month he said the External Affairs Department, traditionally headed by the Prime Minister, would be separated from the Premier's Department.

Mr. Louw was Minister of Economic Affairs in the previous Government headed by Dr. Daniel Malan, who retired on November 30.

Paper Attacks Jap Fishermen In Aust. Waters

Melbourne, Jan. 5. The Australian Government must tell the Japanese fishermen to go away—and stay away, the Melbourne Argus urged editorially today.

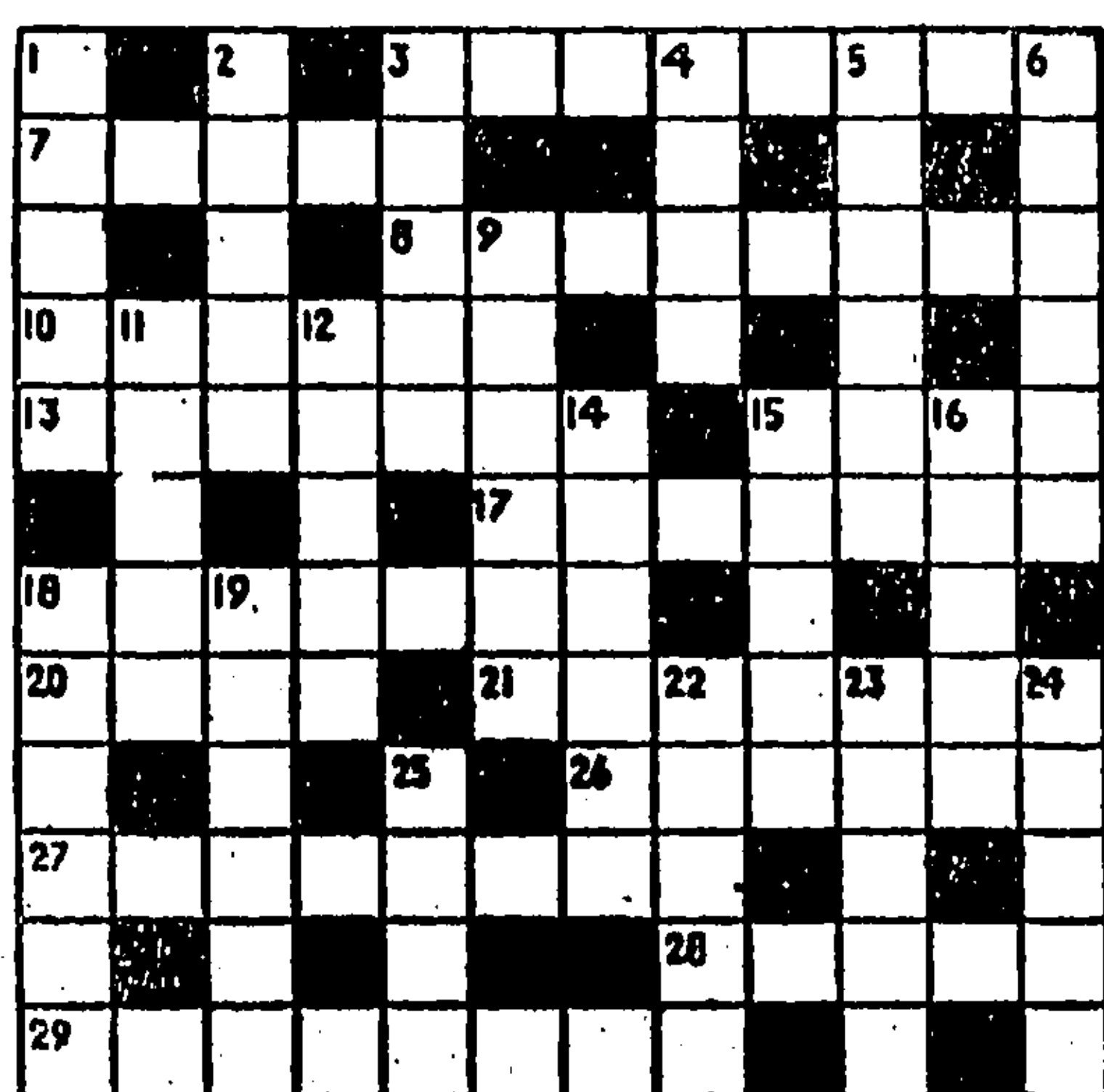
The paper referred to the discovery of Japanese fishing vessels in Australian declared waters and the finding of fishing buoys at the Australian coast.

The paper commented: "The Japs are thumbing their noses at us."

The Japanese apparently wanted to go a lot further than permit fishing agreements allowed, the paper added.

"It's time they were pulled up with a jolt," the editorial said. "Free movement of Japanese fishing craft in our home waters involves the vital defence security of our northern approaches."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Snakes, etc. (8).
- 7 Weird (6).
- 9 Pelagic (fishes) (8).
- 10 Told (6).
- 13 Table support (7).
- 15 Repose (4).
- 17 Getting on in years (7).
- 18 Vengeance (7).
- 20 Poems (4).
- 21 Ousted (7).
- 23 Landed property (6).
- 27 Delatation (6).
- 28 Unfasten (5).
- 29 Tender (8).

DOWN

- 1 Centre (5).
- 2 Commonplace (5).
- 3 Sand (5).
- 4 Tidy (4).
- 5 Kind of boat (5).
- 6 Thing pledged as security for payment (6).
- 9 Assort (6).
- 11 Went astray (6).
- 12 Beasts of burden (5).
- 13 Team (6).
- 15 Respond to stimulus (5).
- 16 Mixture of rain and snow (5).
- 18 Wandered (6).
- 19 Ship (6).
- 22 Outcome (5).
- 23 Savoury (5).
- 24 Submit (6).
- 25 Flat circular plate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Stolid, 5 Dally, 8 Totem, 9 Sudden, 10 Funny, 11 Movie, 12 Eban, 13 Coase, 16 Desist, 18 Credit, 20 Speed, 22 Bill, 23 Music, 25 Mimic, 26 Locust, 27 Strip, 28 Press, 29 Roams. Down: 1 Suspense, 2 Ordinance, 3 Item, 4 Donated, 6 Defiant, 8 Amuse, 9 Links, 11 Attitude, 15 Enslaves, 16 Deduct, 17 Similar, 19 Ramie, 21 Frier, 24 Cook.

Egypt Urged To Allow Safe Passage

United Nations, Jan. 4.

The big Western powers urged Egypt today to allow ships of all nations—including Israel—to pass freely through the Suez Canal.

Britain, the United States, France and Brazil told Egypt in the U.N. Security Council that she had an international obligation to extend to all countries the right to freedom of navigation in the Canal.

The Security Council met for the sixth time to consider the case of the Israeli merchant ship Bat Galim, seized by Egypt in the Canal area last September 28. The vessel's crew of ten was released three days ago and Egypt has expressed willingness to release the crew and cargo to Israel.

Egypt still refuses, however, to comply with the resolution.

"The Palestine armistice agreement clearly looked forward to a permanent settlement, a settlement which still endures the parties, and which the Security Council, with the best will in the world, cannot bring about. We cannot do this without the co-operation of the parties on questions where its decisions are unwelcome to one or the other. If the authority of the Council is undermined, the consequences might well be disastrous."

NEUTRAL SHIP

The Egyptian Ambassador, Mr. Omar Loutfi, told the Council today that his government was prepared to release the Bat Galim cargo, which could be carried on a "neutral" ship to Haifa.

He said release of the ship might be arranged through a sub-committee of the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., United States delegate, said he was optimistic that Israel and Egypt would take further steps to reduce tension in the Middle East and settle their differences peacefully. But he made it clear that his government expected Egypt to open the Canal to Israeli traffic.

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain took issue with Egypt's interpretation of the Constantinople Convention and asked for clarification of what Mr. Loutfi proposed for release of the ship.

Sir Pierson said Britain attached "the highest degree of importance to the principle of freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal."

"The Egyptian Government has repeatedly declared its intention of abiding by the conventions of Constantinople. My government welcomes the clear and taken by the Egyptian Government on the convention but my government is not able to accept the interpretation placed on the convention by the Egyptian Government."

RESOLUTION RECALLED
Sir Pierson recalled the 1951 resolution which called on Egypt to terminate restrictions on shipping bound to or from Israel and passing through the Suez Canal.

He said it appeared the government of Egypt had not yet

Investigation Into Use Of Marijuana

Johannesburg, Jan. 4. The problem of addiction to daga (marijuana) is now regarded as sufficiently serious by the World Health Organisation in Geneva for the organisation to plan a full-scale investigation into the use of the drug in South Africa and other countries.

The investigation will aim at proving whether daga is an addiction-producing drug.

A South African scientist, Professor J. W. Watt, of the University of the Witwatersrand, who has just returned from the fifth meeting in Geneva of the World Health Organisation's Expert Committee on addiction-producing drugs has been asked to report on the daga problem in South Africa.

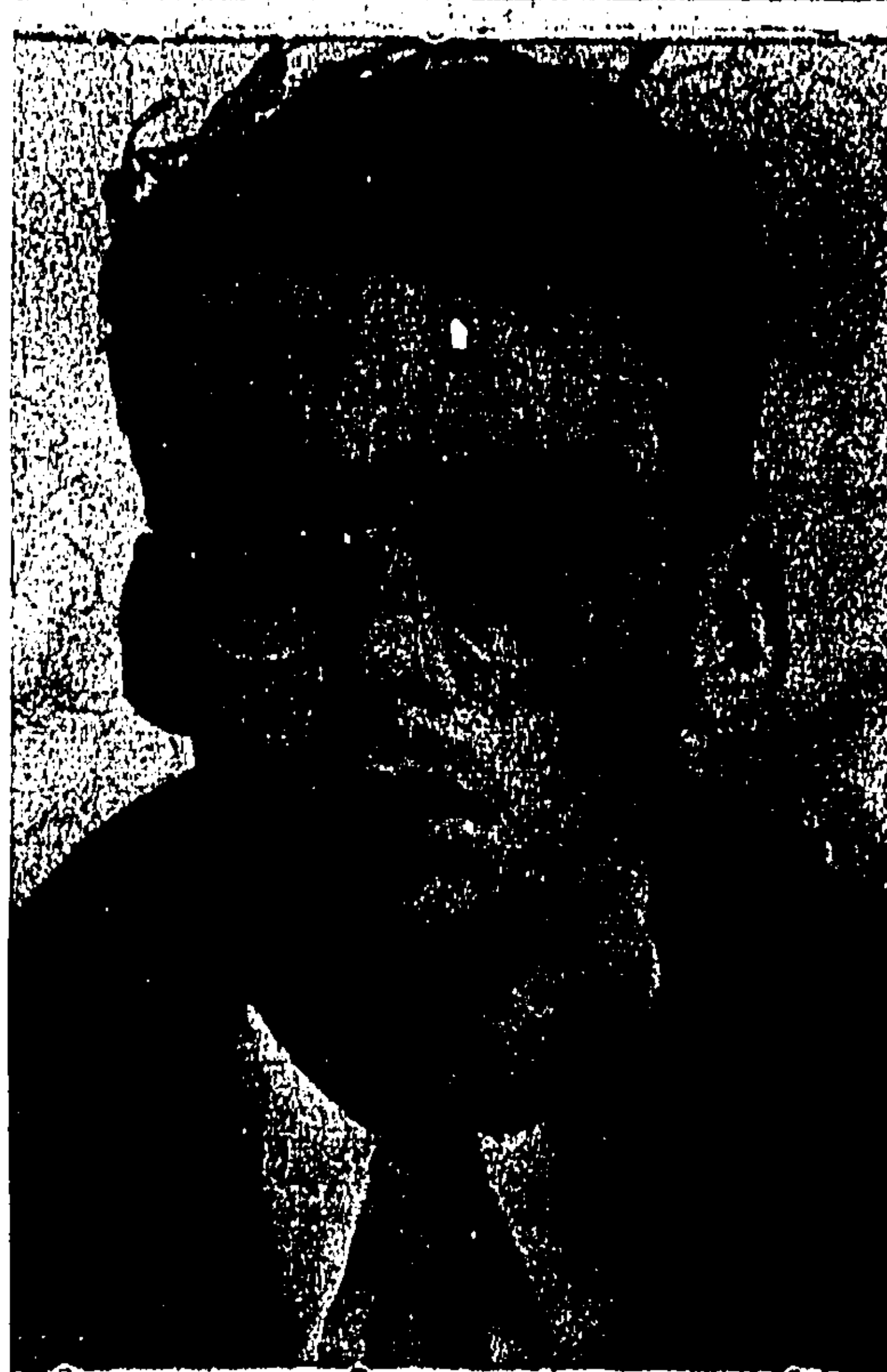
When his report is completed it will be sent, with reports from other countries, to the A.E. is used by the World Health Organisation, which will then form an opinion on whether the use of the drug is harmful or not.—China Mail Special.

AGA KHAN BETTER

Cairo, Jan. 4. The Aga Khan, leader of the Ismaili Muslim Sect, who is at present in Answan (Upper Egypt) is slightly better after an attack of high fever on January 1, it was learned here today from members of his staff.

At one point his state was considered to be serious. However, his private physicians who flew from Cannes to be with him, have reported a slight improvement.

His son, Aly Khan, has also arrived in Cairo to spend three days with his father. It is not known whether the visit is a mere coincidence or whether Aly Khan flew here on account of his father's illness.—France Press.



Respectable, meek-mannered John Clarence, to whom spying was a mania and who had a passion for self-importance, was jailed at the Old Bailey, London, for five years for helping himself to British Military secrets. He offered to spy for the Russians and he pleaded to counter-spy for the Americans. He joined the Communist Party with big spy dreams but was expelled after a period of five months.—Express Photo.

Milk For Adenauer And A Warning To Mr France

Bonn, Jan. 4. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who has been drinking wine for most of his four score years will soon be offered milk as a substitute.

Dr. Adenauer will be 79 on Wednesday and is expected to receive his usual shower of gifts and congratulations.

Among the gifts, one from his own Government.

The gift to be presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Herr Hermann Loebe, will consist of samples of milk from all nine States of the West German Republic. In addition, there will be cheese, butter, eggs and poultry.

Herr Loebe also has amassed samples of all baby foods produced in Germany from milk.

Officials said that there probably would be distributed among the younger of Dr. Adenauer's 13 grandchildren.

Officials said that the idea for the gift was hatched when Dr. Adenauer was forced to admit during a Paris conference with M. Mendes-France in October that he did not know the price of milk in West Germany.

The Chancellor, a Rhineland-er by birth, has a fine palate for



I like milk.

the best Rhine and Moselle wine and recently was reported to have acquired a new-found taste for Schnapps. No one could recall seeing him down a glass of milk.

Meanwhile in Paris the evening newspaper "Paris Press" reported tonight that French Premier Pierre Mendes-France had gained weight since he took office last summer.

"Unlike all his predecessors," and blamed it all on his fondness for milk.

"M. Mendes-France," however, of putting on weight," the newspaper wrote. "Dr. O. P.," as warning, that every time he drinks a glass of milk—which happens often—he should reduce his food intake correspondingly, or he would have two many calories."

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Civilian Wore RCAF Uniform: Case Dismissed

Ottawa, Jan. 4.

Canada will ask for an immediate clarification of the status of Canadian service uniforms under British law, a Defence spokesman said today.

The Department was thrown into a flurry of legal consultations today when it was learned that a Nottingham magistrate in England had dismissed a charge against a British civilian wearing an RCAF corporal's uniform on the grounds that the British Uniform Act did not apply to Canadian servicemen.

The ruling, by itself, would mean that anyone could wear a Canadian military uniform in Britain without prosecution.

After hastily consulting old records, officers of the Judge Advocate General's branch of the Defence Department here said they could not criticize magistrate Peter Banks' decision based on the 1904 Act. But authorities conversant with British law said the British Parliament had passed an act within the past few years governing the status of North Atlantic Treaty forces in Britain.

Child's Harsh Words Send Mother To Death

Paris, Jan. 4.

A young mother, Mme. Keano Marache, committed suicide by throwing herself under a Metro (underground subway) train because her two-and-a-half-year-old son said, "I don't love you any more."

This was the motive given by Paris police for the mother's suicide.

Mme. Marache, aged 30, wife of a policeman, had become unusually sensitive since the birth of her child, friends said.

This week, the child remarked, apparently without thought, "I don't want to see you any more. I don't love you any more."

Relatives tried to reason with the young mother by saying, "Be reasonable. Don't exaggerate the meaning of the child's words. As you can plainly see, your child still kisses and hugs you. He doesn't know what he is saying at that age."

But, yesterday, without leaving a farewell letter, Mme. Marache met death under the wheels of a Metro train.—France-Press.

British Judges In Sudan Resign

Khartoum, Jan. 4.

The Chief Justice of the Sudan, Mr. W. C. B. Lindsay, today submitted his resignation to the Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, together with that of all 12 British judges in the Sudan.

Although the time limit between resignation and final departure is six months under Sudanisation law, the British judges are expected to leave during the next two months.

The Sudanese Government is seeking to engage a number of Indian and Pakistani judges to replace them, particularly for the southern provinces.

The resignation of the judges follows the resignation of 41 British officials on January 1. The action of these officials was in accordance with the Sudanese Government's Expatriate Official Compensation Bill, which sanctions compensation for British officials whose posts are being taken over by Sudanese nationals.—Reuter.

Smokers' Club In Boys' School

Capetown, Jan. 6.

Finding that smoking among the boys could not be prevented a South African school has taken steps to control it.

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of membership was to get the comment of parents. We have not had an instance of parental consent being withheld.

"The next step is that every boy must learn the smokers' promise. This acknowledges that smoking is an unhealthy habit."

"The boy has to promise to observe the rules of good conduct in smoking. He must not smoke in public without taking the permission of women or older people present and he must not try to encourage younger boys to smoke."

"The boys themselves impose punishment on smoking offenders. The result is that half the boys are smokers. The others are given a picnic each year in compensation."—France Press.

ALL-JET FLYING BOAT

Washington, Jan. 4. The United States Navy today revealed details of a new flying boat, powered by four jet engines, which is capable of flying more than 600 miles an hour and carrying a 30,000-pound load.

The flying boat, the "Seamaster," is America's first all-jet seaplane. It is as large as a commercial airliner.

Built by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore, it carries a crew of five and has been designed to function in six-foot waves. The plane will join the Navy's seaplane striking force next spring. Its main function will be mine laying and photo reconnaissance, but it can also be used for bombing.

Company officials said that in wartime, the plane could be used on seas and rivers over five-sixths of the world's surface. For the first time it would provide the means to "operate in or near enemy waters independent of fixed installations or foreign bases."—Reuter.

Tokyo, Jan. 4. Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito, today christened his third son Norihito.

The baby was born last Wednesday, December 29. Prince Mikasa now has three sons and two daughters.—China Mail Special.

Hong Kong Birds

Herklots, G. A. C. 1953. Hong Kong Birds. Pp. viii+233, 11 pls., 8 in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd.—HK\$5.00.

"... a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Mr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable."—D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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Seamus O'Connell May Be Playing In Two Cup Finals This Year

Says GEORGE WHITING

Did you ever hear of a footballer playing in both the amateur and professional Cup Finals in one year? It could happen this season, and nobody need offer any facetious back-answers when I lay bare the fact that the professional club concerned is Chelsea. As a paying customer at Stamford Bridge these 30 years or more, I know all the rude words.

The player whose feet could make Cup Final history is an Englishman called Seamus Cyril Patrick O'Connell.

English with a name like that? Seamus, who was born in Carrigrohane, 24 years ago, sports a middlesex Wanderers tie, and claims to be 100 per cent English as far as football is concerned.

Only when anybody wants a fight for nothing or a cross-bred Angus bull for cash does he recall that his cattle-dealer dad came from County Kerry, or that his sisters are named Mairead, Eileen and Patricia.

O'Connell is the brown-haired, grey-eyed inside-left, who, with a goal in every tie, put Bishop Auckland into the Amateur Cup final against Crook Town last season.

DROPPED

He is also the sharpshooter who brought off a hat-trick for Chelsea against Manchester United first time out. Thirdly, he has played for the amateurs of England against those of Scotland and Holland.

And nobody can rightly blame ex-airman O'Connell if (a) Bishop Auckland did not win their Cup; (b) Chelsea lost 5-0 to Manchester United; and (c) both the Scottish and Dutch amateurs put it across England, since when Seamus has been in the hot-brick class—dropped.

Subsequent to that Stamford Bridge hat-trick, it was hinted with no delicacy whatever that O'Connell would cast Bishop Auckland aside like an ancient boot or a gummed-up romantic, and place his feet at the exclusive disposal of Chelsea. But that is not correct, says Seamus.

Though fully conscious of the accolade bestowed upon him by Ted Drake ("Chelsea are a terrific team"), he has given his word that, despite omission from the first round, he will be available for any and all of Bishop Auckland's remaining ties in the Amateur Cup. And the word of an O'Connell is not to be taken lightly, be it given on a football pitch or in a cattle market.

TWO ITEMS

All of which would be a mighty pretty fairy story if only

Cohen To Defend Bantam Crown Against Towel

Paris, Jan. 4. It was announced today that a contract had been signed for Robert Cohen (France) to defend his world bantamweight title against Willie Towel (South Africa) in Johannesburg on March 5.

The announcement was made by Cohen's manager Gaston Charles Raymond, who said the champion had been guaranteed 40 per cent of the gate.

Cohen will leave for Johannesburg during the last week of January.

Raymond said the contract had been arranged with Reg Haswell of the White City Stadium.

Yesterday from Johannesburg, it was announced that Julius Martin of the Transvaal Sporting Club had said his organization would not stage a Cohen-Towel fight because the champion's demands of a 40 per cent guarantee were excessive. —Reuter.

Five European Track Stars To Compete In U.S.

New York, Jan. 4. Dan Ferris, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Amateur Athletic Union, announced today the expected arrival within a week of five outstanding European athletes, all of whom will compete on the U.S. indoor track and field circuit.

The athletes are Auden Boyson of Norway, world record holder for 1,000 metres; Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark, who tied the world half mile record last summer; Lucien DeWulf of Belgium, a half-marathon, cross-country and distance star; and Ragnar Lundberg of Sweden, a pole vaulter. Lundberg will compete in Boston on Jan. 8.—United Press.

Bishop Auckland would play along. Unfortunately, there are a couple of items—both inside-lefts—capable of messing up the happy ending so far as Mr O'Connell is concerned.

ITEM ONE is Jackie Major, whose Fa Cup hat-trick against Crystal Palace put Bishop Auckland in the giant-killing class.

ITEM TWO is England's current amateur inside-left, Derek Lewin, recruited from Northern Nomads and Oldham Athletic.

On January 22, when the Bishops play Erith and Belvedere in the second round of the Amateur Cup, we shall know whether O'Connell of Carlisle is chasing a miracle or a miracle.

Not until February 19 will any question of divided loyalty arise—that particular Saturday being set aside for the fifth round of the FA Cup and the fourth round of the Amateur Cup. A similar clash occurs on March 6. On those days, if asked, O'Connell will be "true blue" for the amateur Bishops.

STAYING AMATEUR

To play in one Cup Final at Wembley is a footballer's dream. To perform in two in the same season is unheard of. And as for winning a Cup medal with Chelsea, well, the least I should expect is immortality.

Incidentally, Seamus tells me he is not turning professional. The O'Connells are doing all right with cattle.

Here is a slightly regretful postscript on flyweight boxing.

SHEK-O GOLF

The results of the Medal and Bogey competitions held at Shek-O during December were as follows:—

Medal Competition
"A" section: A. G. Donn (5)—63; W. P. Colman (10)—67; P. V. Hayshe (3)—68.

"B" section: A. C. Villar (24)—59; F. E. Scott (17)—64; N. F. Scaries (13)—66; G. C. Moyle (13)—67.

Bogey Competition
"A" section: A. G. Donn (5)—2 Up; P. V. Hayshe (3)—1 Up; J. Kinloch (9)—All square.

"B" section: A. C. Villar (24)—3 Up; E. Boycott (14)—2 Up; C. E. Wallace (12)—1 Up; M. S. Rice (14)—1 Up; W. B. Sheltcr (15)—1 Up; F. E. Scott (17)—1 Up.

There will be a Stableford competition throughout the month of January and an Ecclectic competition, (maximum of 4 cards per competitor), over the China New Year holidays, (January 22 to 23).

affairs from Joe Wilson, who, 43 years ago, threw enthusiastic fists in the first Lonsdale Belt contests at that weight. He writes:

"Reading your article about Dal Dower and Eric Marsden receiving a four-figure purse for their British Flyweight Championship fights reminds me of the rather different conditions when I was one of the first contenders for that title.

"On December 4, 1911, at the old National Sporting Club, I fought Sid Smith 20 rounds, and our purse was £100—split 65 and 35, plus £5 for training. I was born too soon."

Smith, winner on points, got the £66.

—(London Express Service).

Archie Moore May Fight Carl Olson

New York, Jan. 4. Promoter Jim Norris said today he was negotiating for a light heavyweight title fight between Archie Moore, ruler of the 175-pounders, and middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson for a New York Ball Park in June.

He also said he would like to have former Champions Sugar Ray Robinson and Kif Gavilan meet again after each "go's two or three fights under his belt."

Robinson, former Welterweight and Middleweight Champion, has come out of retirement and will have his first comeback fight against Joe Rindone in Detroit tomorrow night. Gavilan, who lost his welterweight crown in November, will soon get back into action.

Before Robinson's retirement, Gavilan lost two interesting bouts to Robinson. —United Press.

Bullfighter Back In Good Shape

Manila, Jan. 5. The Portuguese bullfighter, Jose Rosa Rodriguez, was yesterday pronounced by doctors here to be in "good shape" and will appear in tomorrow's resumption of the Manila bullfights.

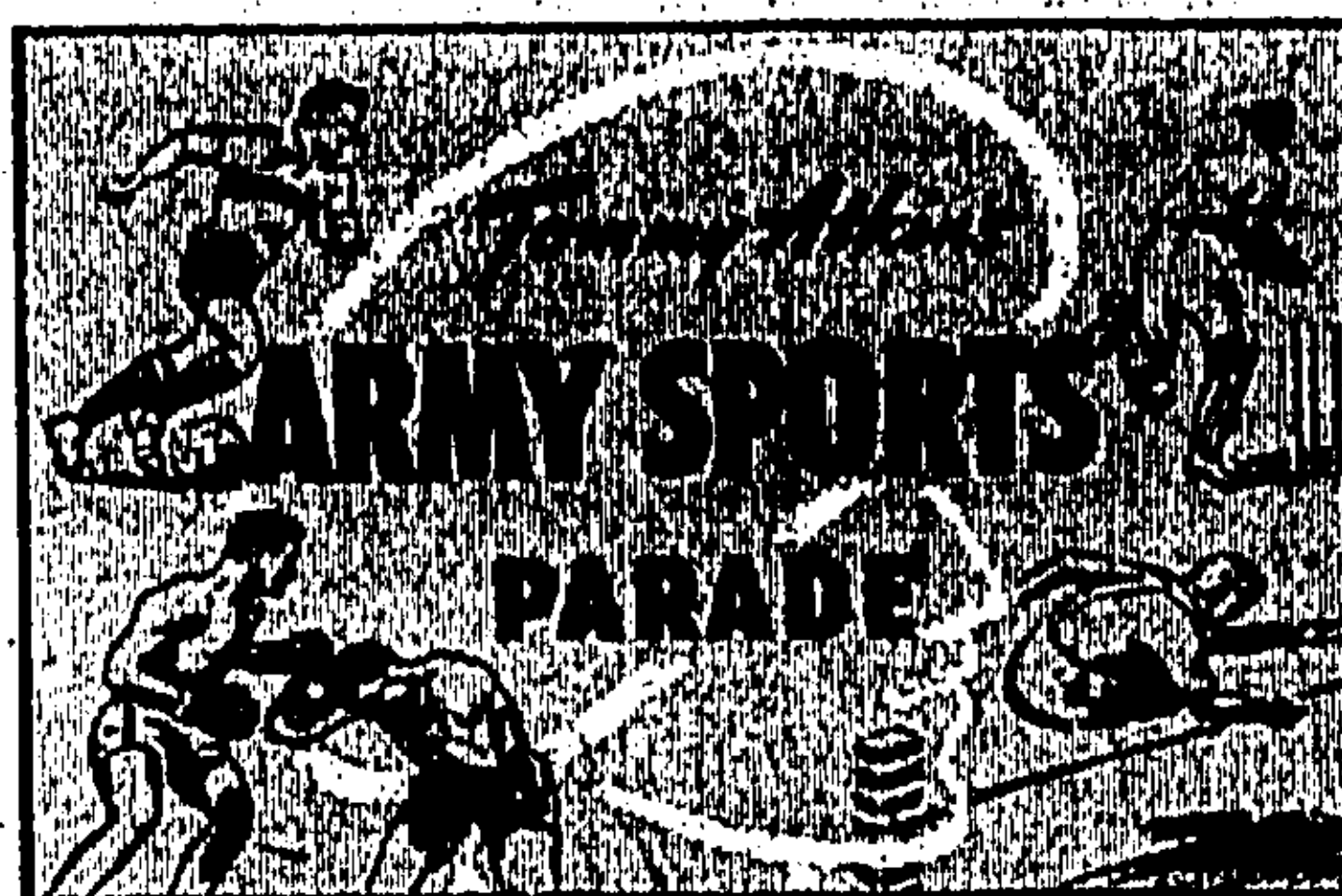
Rodriguez, in the opening corrida on December 31, fell from his mount and dislocated his left shoulder when charged by a bull.

Appearing with him is the Spanish bullfighter Manolo Navarro. —France-Press.

NOT TOO FAST



Stirling Moss, young British racing driver who's used to travelling at 100 miles an hour, plus grinds away at the pedals—but gets nowhere. He's using the pedal-cycle machine, designed to improve stamina in preparation for his first appearance with the Mercedes team in the Argentine Grand Prix on January 30.—Reuter.



The spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is awarded to two young sportsmen who, playing in a minor football game the other day, displayed the very highest standard of sportsmanship.

The game itself was a relatively unimportant one and nothing much more than prestige was at stake. However, it was being played hard enough, and with a few raucous voices on the touchline to lend encouragement to the players, there was no lack of spirit in the proceedings.

The score was even when the ball landed in the goal-mouth. The keeper caught it on the ground but it slipped out of his hands and just as the opposing centre-forward went to kick it the goalkeeper dived at it again.

From where I was standing—I was a very casual spectator—it looked as though the forward could have got his foot to the ball but there was obviously a risk of injury to the goalkeeper... and the centre-forward turned on his heel and moved away.

The goalkeeper cleared the ball up field and as he was running back to his goal he acknowledged the sporting act of his opponent with a hasty handshake.

The incident was probably a little thing but it is always reassuring to see young players behaving like this for in such hands the future of the game is safe.

If the list of entries from the Army is to be taken as a guide there is going to be an imposing array of talent at the HKAAA Open Meeting, Caroline Hill on Sunday, January 16.

The Army entries now total 60 and as three members of the WRAC are included in the list there is every possibility of the military representatives having a successful day.

CARRYING ON

There has been no more popular Rugby team in the Colony in recent years than that of the 1st Bn. Welch Regiment. With memories of their play still both vivid and pleasant, enthusiasts will be delighted to hear that the team is carrying on the high standard it showed in winning the FARELF Championship last season.

News has just reached the Colony that the Welch have reached the semi-final of the Army Rugby Cup in the United Kingdom by beating Trg. Bn. RASC in the 5th round. According to the report this was an excellent game which went to extra time before Pte. Howells dropped a goal to give them a 3-all victory.

Pte. Roberts, the Welch full-back, was the outstanding player in the winning side, but generally the play of the backs was superior to that of the forwards.

The opposition in the semi-final will be the winners of the 5th round match between 69 Training Regiment, RAC and Boys Bn. Royal Signals Training Regiment, which is due to be played on January 8.

The semi-final will be played on January 10 and I hope it will be possible to get an early report on the game.

Entries for the FARELF Team Boxing Championships are being received in encouraging numbers and up to yesterday afternoon eight nominations had come to hand.

The list so far is 1st Bn. Essex Regt., 1st King's Own Regt., 1st North Staffordshire Regt., 2d Med. Regt. RA, 25 Fd. Regt. RA, 72 LAA Regt. RA, 6 COD, 1st Bn. Northamptonshire Regt.

It is understood that 27th Gurkha Rifles will probably swell the list to nine. One of the surprises is the absence of the REME team which has been so prominent in our boxing affairs this season.

RE-DRAW

Due to the omission of two teams from the original ballot it has been necessary to re-draw the 1st round pairings of the Minor Units Knockout Football Cup.

The amended draw now reads as follows:—

CPO v. No. 3 Supply Depot. Command Workshops v. 26 FDS.

15 Fd. Pk. Sqn RE. v. 11th Inf. Workshops. 56 Fd. Sqn RE. v. 18 Field Ambulance.

The first three games will be played this afternoon while the date for the fourth game is being mutually arranged between the two sides. In the event of a draw extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played.

The following teams have been re-drawn into the 2nd round: 1st Bn. Essex Regt. v. 1st King's Own Regt. on January 16—2.7.2.2.2.

RA, HQ RA, HQ 27 Inf. Bde., 8 Coy. RASC, 2/2 GR BOR's, 173 Loc. Bty. RA, 33 General Hospital, H.K. Signal Regt., District Workshops, 6 COD, Kowloon Signals, Q (Mov).

The Army rugby team will be well represented in the international competition which starts at the week-end. Members of the team will be in the England, Scotland and Welsh-Irish sides and I am assured that there is no basis for the suggestion that those who have been selected for the Scottish side get in on "customer" rather than on residential qualifications.

FIELD DAY

Morris, the Army centre-forward, had a field day against the CAAAF when he turned out for the HKFA side at the week-end. The big leader got four good goals and led the forward line with skill and plenty of dash.

The HKFA selection—with six Army players to provide a basis of understanding and teamwork—played some fine football and it was good to see Gunner Nash, the ex-Army player who is now with St Joseph's, displaying such grand form.

There is no lack of support for the forthcoming Hongkong stage of the FARELF Basketball Championship, and there is obviously going to be keen competition for that trip to Singapore, as a glance at the following entry list will show:—8 Coy. RASC, 1st North Staffs, 25 Fd. Regt. RA, HKCTU, 56 Coy RASC, 27 H.A. Regt. RA, Hongkong Signal Regt., HQ RA, No. 1 ESO RASC, and 15 Fd. Pk. Sqn RE. or 24 Field Engineer Regt.

That was the entry list up to a late hour yesterday but as the list closes today there may still be some last minute additions. This competition looks like providing some excellent play and there will be no lack of interest or enthusiasm as it progresses.

HURRY UP!

I am asked to remind all units that entries for the FARELF Football Championship, The Caldecup Cup, must be tendered by January 15. This competition is open to all units irrespective of size and is entirely separate from the Land Forces Knockout tournament.

Up to yesterday only one entry had been received—from the RAMC—and units are asked to assist the committee by getting their entries in as soon as possible.

There is plenty of activity among the crackshots in the Army at the moment as preparations are pushed ahead for the Hongkong Biscuits Services Meeting and the FARELF Inter-Unit Shooting Competition which are due to be held at the end of this month.

Interested persons are reminded that Army entries for the Hongkong Biscuits Services Meeting should be forwarded to Capt. T. W. Hancock, RAOC, at HQ, 48 Gurkha Infantry Bde, no later than January 10.

HAPPY ENDING

Regular readers of this column will remember a story I told some weeks ago about a young national serviceman whose promising career in football was seriously upset by wounds received in Korea.

You will remember too how this boy, Davies, had been given a great deal of encouragement by his club, East Fife, in his effort to defy the earlier medical reports that he would never play again. At the time I told the story I said that there must surely be a happy ending to the whole affair... and I am delighted to hear that this is in fact so... in a most unusual way.

Davies did manage to get himself back to physical fitness and was playing regularly for the East Fife reserve side in the right back position. His play, while quite satisfactory, was not quite hiding the high price that is still being paid for a few weeks ago.

After his injury he moved on to the right wing and proceeded to turn in such a brilliant display that a bright future as a winger is now being predicted for the boy whose only constant wound is a black and white one in his knee. It looks like Davies has a fine future ahead of him.

Around Hollywood With MICHAEL RUDDY

IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A DOG, YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A BURRO

Had this winter in Hollywood is for baby burros, the little donkeys from Mexico. Film stars with an acre or so of meadow have been buying them for their children. Burros cost \$75 each, were advertised as "huggable, lovable long-eared pets which can be kept in your garden."

"If you have room for a dog, you have room for a burro." Heigh-ho, burro! The James Mason's Portland wanted three, compromised on one.

Nearly Glenn Ford's son has one and around Hollywood, 200 were sold.

ACTION-PACKED
If you enjoy violence, brutality, magnificent scenery and Burt Lancaster and Gary Cooper as a brace of freebooters in Mexico, post-civil War, do see "Vera Cruz." It was produced by Lancaster's own company, H-L Pictures Inc., and as a friend of mine said, "It's a h-l of a picture—if you like action-packed movies."

Barely recognisable wearing heavy-framed spectacles, hair close-cropped, Lancaster stood in the foyer of the Academy Theatre, greeting friends and film critics. He grinned toothily, as he does in the movie, Superdome and colour, and agreed with many who said it was "sure-fire box-office" just as "Apache" is.

As studies are showing their best films before the year's end, to enter them for the Academy Awards we've seen several excellent films, like "The Country Girl," with Bing Crosby giving an understanding and poignant portrayal of an actor-singer who cannot give up the bottle.

And Grace Kelly brilliant as the embittered, but devoted wife... For suspense and some extraordinary acting, there's a remarkable cast... and "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" with Jimmy Stewart, a version of the Jules Verne classic with James Mason, Paul Lukas, Kirk Douglas and Peter Lorre and the biggest octopus in history. I'm told it cost Disney \$200,000 and I doubt whether C. B. De Mille could have improved on it.

PLAYS ANYTHING
Between scenes of "The Court Jester," Danny Kaye's farcical

fantasy about Merry Old England, Angela Lansbury, the wild Princess who tries to grab Danny the Jester for herself, said, "Being a good actress in Hollywood doesn't mean a thing unless you get good parts and forceful publicity. I was a critic's actress at M-G-M but producers saw me only as a character actress. Now I play anything from crooks to princesses." If you recognise Glynis Johns in this, you win a steak and kidney pudding.

Glynis wears a long, black wig, waved and curled, changes her voice when she's chief of the outlaws.

In Las Vegas when I rang her, Betty Hutton insists that she's retiring with a firm insistence on her desire to lead a normal life with her children. "I've been in show business for over 30 years and I've had it." Prediction: She'll be offered a good Betty Hutton story next spring and she'll film it. She's picked out her third husband, Alan Livingstone in the recording business.

PERSONAL NOMINATIONS: For the Year's Most Travelled Filmstar, Ava Gardner. For the Year's Frankest Filmstar, Ava Gardner. And the Moe Co-operative, Marilyn Monroe, who does exactly as her bosses want her to. The Year's Biggest Comebacks: Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra. The Year's Flattest Flop, in Hollywood and elsewhere, Dior's.

DAUGHTER MARRYING
Sight of the week: Alan Ladd wearing mink-lined gauntlets driving his Aston-Martin convertible. His daughter, Alana, will marry M-G-M's Dick

Anderson at the Ladd mansion in Holmby Hills on January 22.

The "music" heard in the vicinity of the Dick Powell house in Brentwood is from the family jazz sessions with June Allyson at the piano, Dick on the tenor saxophone and the children on violin, trumpet and trombone.

Jan Sterling was told by husband, Paul Douglas, that she could have anything she wanted if she got an Oscar nomination for her role "The High and the Mighty." She asked for a sewing-machine.

James Stewart and Alfred Hitchcock will be partners in a remake of "They Knew Too Much." For the next month, Jimmy and his charming wife, Gloria, will be touring the Far East. I talked to the Yankee actor before they left, told him that "That Glenn Miller Story" was very popular in Britain. "Gosh, I'm glad real glad," was his comment. Jimmy's no speech-maker.

GABLE RETIRING?

Clark Gable is again talking of retiring—"at the end of '55 when I'll be nearly 55," he said on his return from Hongkong with Michael Rennie for ex-torics of "Soldier of Fortune." If he does retire, he'll co-produce pictures. He owns several stories and was a partner some years ago in a production company.

Frank Sinatra recorded "Old Devil Moon" for "Finian's Rainbow." In the studio was his son, Frankie Jr. wearing identical grey flannels and dark-brown Sutherland jacket. Junior said, "Dad, that was cool, real cool." Which is the greatest compliment Sinatra could get.

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- Reduces engine-fueled gum—cuts waste of fuel.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION



Don't Worry If You Break The New Year Resolution

"you feel that you are not getting the best out of yourself — physically, mentally or morally."

*Studied Buying Differs
From Mad
Scramble Of 1929
ANNUAL REVIEW*

Insurance	\$26.25	\$36.25
Straits Trading	\$24.70	\$24.70
Straits Steamship	\$17.25	\$17.25
Ordinary Engineers	\$15.10	\$16.00
Wheeler Brothers	\$2.87	\$13.50
Woonkong Tin	5/3	5/3
Petaling Tin	\$3.50	\$3.50

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Singapore (Straits)		18.1
Taiwan-China, Republic	(per 100)	10.00

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30-day	0.05	1/25	0.05	11/25	
6-month	0.05	1/25	0.05	11/25	

—United Press

Amsterdam	10.081	-10.081%
Brussels	120.30	-120.37%
Copenhagen	19.871	-19.371%
Paris	20.02	-20.021%
Stockholm	14.519	-14.519%
West Marka	11.74	-11.741%
Zurich	12.94	-12.941%
Others was unchanged		
-United Press-		

Times 1881	\$1.15	\$1.15
Singapore Cold Storage	\$1.25	\$1.05
South British Insurance	\$26.33	\$26.33
Strait Trading	\$24.70	\$24.70
Straits Steamship	\$17.25	\$17.25
United Engineers	\$15.10	\$15.10
Ordinary Issue	\$2.97	\$3.90
Wearne Brothers	5/3	5/3
Hongkong Tin	5/3	5/3

Purch. \$18.00-19.50
Others were unchanged.
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International Monetary Unit	Rate
1 U.S. dollar (per \$1)	1.00
1 sterling note (per £1)	1.00
1 Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	1.00
1 Indian Rupee (per 100)	1.00
1 Singapore (Straits)	1.00
1 Indo-China piastre (per 100)	1.00

Business was done in the local	
unofficial exchange market this	
morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.27
sterling notes (per £1)	12.12
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	15.50
Malay francs (per 100)	37.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.01
Hong-Kong-China Banknote (per 100)	10.00

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1955.

BAILEY AGAIN CLASHES WITH CROWN COUNSEL

'Stop' Calling My Remarks Scandalous' Plea

An objection to the Prosecution constantly labelling his remarks as "scandalous" was made this morning by Albert Francis Bailey, 33-year-old merchant, charged with libel at the Criminal Sessions.

"I want to raise an objection to the constant repetitions that what I am saying is scandalous. The fact that certain people may think certain statements are scandalous does not appear to be a ground to object unless the statements are not true. I don't want to hear it again and again," Bailey said.

Mr Justice Reynolds declared that he was not going to entertain Bailey's objection. "I am in your hands," said Bailey as he went back into the box to be cross-examined.

Bailey, who is conducting his own defence, is alleged to have maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of letters to Messrs P. H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr. Hooton, and Mr. D. N. E. Ho, Crown Counsel, both assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector R. Dudman.

BANK SUED HIM

Asked about his litigation with the United Chinese Bank, Bailey agreed that the Bank sued him for \$35,000 and interest.

Mr Hooton. Your case was that you did not owe any money because the Bank wrongly debited your account.

Bailey. Wrongly debited, which is the equivalent of robbed.

So if the Bank rightly debited this account there would be no question of the interest?—My account was wrongly debited.

CLASH WITH JUDGE

Will you answer the question?—I am not here to answer anything but facts. I am not here to answer questions like "If this happened what would happen?"

Mr Justice Reynolds: You are, Bailey. I don't know what the answers to such questions are. Any question dealing with true facts I will gladly answer.

On being pressed to answer the question, Bailey replied that if the Bank were right then he would owe them money. "But as it happens I don't owe them money."

Mr Hooton reminded him that the Courts held that he did owe this money.

"The fact that the Courts were cheated does not blind me to a judgment," Bailey said. He maintained that his signature to an agreement between him and the Bank undertaking to repay his overdraft of \$35,000 by March 17, 1952 was obtained by undue influence, and that he did not consider himself bound by it. The Courts were also misled by this.

Mr Hooton pointed out that the Bank produced a ledger concerning the overdraft account.

Bailey declared "The books are crooked. I don't consider myself bound by it."

EVERYTHING CROOKED?

Mr Hooton: In fact everything is crooked except yourself.

Bailey: Quite a lot is, more than I ever expected. I am learning something more today.

He insisted that the \$7,000 which the Bank allowed him to withdraw after signing the agreement was his own money. "It is no crime to withdraw one's own money," he added.

Bailey alleged that because the Bank helped themselves to his money.

IMPERTINENT

When Bailey interrupted Mr Hooton as he asked his questions, Mr Justice Reynolds stopped him, saying that he had conducted himself throughout the case in a most impertinent manner.

Bailey replied "I have had two holes. One was to defend myself, the second was to be a yes-man. I have chosen not to be a yes-man."

He accused Mr Hooton of distorting the facts, and repeated that he did not wish to be tricked into echoing untruths. Some

of Mr Hooton's questions were full of implications, he said. "You are looking in my questions for snags, which are not there," said Mr Hooton.

"I regret that experience has taught me to look for snags," retorted Bailey.

The case is proceeding.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN LEAVES

The Archbishop of New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman, after a four-day tour of Catholic centres and institutions in the Colony, left for Saigon by Air Vietnam this morning.

Mr M. C. Illingsworth, ADC to H.E. the Governor and the Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, Mr Lawrence Blinchi, were among the big crowd at the airport to see him off.

Prior to his departure, Cardinal Spellman celebrated Mass earlier in the morning at Holy Trinity School Chapel. Nearly 150 guests from King's Park Resettlement Area were invited to attend. Bishop R. Lane, Maryknoll Society Father-General also attended the Mass.

After the Mass they had breakfast at the school, and then proceeded to the airport.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Lucky Dip—Variety (Studio); 6.25, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.30, E.C.A.F.E. A Talk by J.K. Wilson on the Sub-Committee on Trade meeting in Hongkong from January 6 to 10; 7.45, (Recorded) 1.15, "Fleet Flingers" Geoffrey Thornley at the piano (Concert Hall); 7.50, Test Cricket, England v. Australia. Report on the 5th day's play in the 3rd Test match at Melbourne (London Relay); 7.55, (approx.) Interlude; 8.00, "Prisoner's Questions" from the Concert Hall of Radio Hongkong. Question Master: Patrick Butler. Team: Fatin Butler, Dorothy Seales, John Little, Faddy Sheehan (Recorded); 8.10, Orchestra of the week—Orchestra Des Concerts Lamoureux; 8.45, Philip Green and his Orchestra with vocal; 9.15, Wednesday Theatre, "Prisoner's Progress"; A table of imprisonment and escape. Written and produced by Louis MacNeice (BBC); 10.45, One Night Stand, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra; 10.55, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Polio Victim Travels 5,000 Miles



Mr John Taylor, 29, of Putney, London, caught polio in the Ecuador bush where he worked as a geologist. In great pain, though he did not know the cause, he drove 50 miles by jeep to his base. The base, at Gayaguili, sent out a radio S.O.S. for an iron lung, and a Caribbean Air Command plane rushed one there. Mr Taylor was being kept alive by artificial respiration when the lung arrived. The crew rigged up an air plant to keep the lung operating on the flight to Panama. Fourteen days ago Mr Taylor was put aboard the liner Raiglen at Bilbao, for the 5,000-mile trip to Britain, where on arrival he was greeted by his mother, Mrs. Hilma Taylor. —London Express Photo.

PUBLIC GALLERY PROVIDED FOR ECAFE MEETING

Seating accommodation for the public has been provided at Grantham Training College to the conference of the Sub-Committee on Trade of the United Nations Economic Commission of Asia and the Far East, which opens tomorrow morning.

The hall has been arranged to hold more than 50, while the balcony has about 100 seats. This is the first conference of the ECAFE to be held in the Colony.

When His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will drive to the College to perform the opening ceremony tomorrow, he will be greeted with 81 flags of countries of the United Nations, which have been hoisted along the steep hill to the College.

27 NATIONAL FLAGS

In the hall, flags of 27 countries are erected on each side of the official table on the stage.

Inquest Into Death Of Accident Victim

JURY'S RIDER TO TRAM COMPANY

A three-man Jury returned an open verdict and a rider addressed to the Hongkong Tramway Co. in an inquest held at Central yesterday on the death of a 14-year-old girl who was knocked down and killed by a tramcar last year.

Mr Poon Yuen-hoi sat as Coroner and Sub-Insp. Poulden conducted the inquiry for the Police.

The verdict was "cause of death due to injuries received in a traffic accident. There was no undue negligence on the part of the motorman of tram cars 71 and 12."

The rider submitted by the Jury was: "We, the Jury feel that the attention of the Tramway Co. should be drawn to the irresponsible attitude of various employees towards their instructions as to what to do on the tracks and the steps which should be taken at the time of an accident."

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Medical evidence given by Dr. H. K. Li of Queen Mary Hospital at the first hearing on Monday was that a 14-year-old girl named Szeto Bun died on August 31, 1954, at the hospital of haemorrhage in the brain space. Deceased's cousin, Yik Koo, testified that she was with Szeto on August 25 and the accident occurred when they were crossing King's Road near Sul Kok Street.

As they crossed, she said, they were caught between two trams laid down on the pavement and which knocked down her cousin despite "her effort" to pull her back in time.

A tramways Inspector who testified that he arrived at the scene of the accident in time to lay down the pavement and make certain inquiries, was asked a number of questions by the Jury.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Asked whether he had any special instructions to follow in case of an accident, the witness replied that "their standing orders were to help the injured."

dial 999—calling for an ambulance and the Police.

In answer to a question as to whether a tram could be moved after an accident before the arrival of the Police, witness said "Yes" and added that it was all right as long as the injured person was put in the charge of a tram Inspector.

The Coroner asked witness whether employees were also instructed to make marks of the tram's position and to gather any eye-witnesses before the Police arrived. Witness replied in the affirmative.

Further evidence revealed that these measures were not taken by the tramway employees. This led to the rider being submitted by the Jury.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G. P. O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

For posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 5 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Sweden, 6 p.m.
Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, 5 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Sweden, 6 p.m.
Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Aren't you girls afraid you'll get a bracelet or necklace caught in a typewriter?"

Our Australian Newsletter POST-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR SHOP ASSISTANTS

From H. King Wood

Sydney, (By Airmail)

It's the silly season in Sydney this week—men in hot-looking lounge suits mingling with holiday colleagues in coloured shirts and tight shorts; women in the height of fashion being smirked at by girls in backless summer frocks.

The streets are busy enough for Christmas Eve but shop assistants stand first on one leg then on the other waiting for the odd customer to drift in. The buying spree is over and not even sales seemed to attract the women today.

The Davis Cup, on its way back to America, was a well-earned gift for the U.S. team. Don't listen to any Australian hard luck stories. The Americans played outstanding tennis and in the doubles particularly, thoroughly deserved their win.

From a strictly business point of view, of course, they did the wrong thing. Nowhere else in the world do tennis crowds keep the turnstiles clicking as merrily as in Australia. More than 25,000 saw the cup each day, and if it was possible to erect the stands, as many more could be packed in.

So keen are we on the game, in fact, that "single" seats changed hands for as much as £40 on the first day on play.

Since 1951 Australia and America have shared a net profit of £145,000—£72,500 each—to which can be added this year a profit of more than £40,000 each, and as Australia has held the Cup since 1951 it means that cash has come from the local pockets.

In America next year the teams will be lucky to share £10,000, so from a strictly £ s d point of view the Americans are going to drop quite a lot on this deal.

Anyway, it was good tennis, and they deserved their win.

FEWER UNEMPLOYED

One reason for the record holiday period is that Australia now has less people out of work than at any time in peacetime history.

Unemployment throughout the Commonwealth—measured by those receiving unemployment relief—fell from 12,914 on January 2 to 2,702 on December 4.

The number of vacant jobs registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service had risen from 37,457 on January 2 to 63,732 at the end of November. Employment has expanded during the year in nearly every industry and especially in manufacturing, building and construction and the retail and wholesale trade.

HMAS AUSTRALIA SOLD

The same British shipbuilding firm that bought the old cruiser HMAS Shropshire has now bought the old flagship Australia. This vessel also will be towed to England.

This ship was in commission longer than any other Australian warship. She was commissioned in 1928 and paid off on August 31, 1954—27 years. During the war she served in the Atlantic, at Dakar, was in the Battle of the Coral Sea, the attack on Guadalcanal, many landings in New Guinea and the islands.

At the end of the war she was so badly damaged that she had to return to Sydney for docking. There has been considerable agitation to have the Australia turned into a memorial for naval men—but now she has been sold to the breakers at an undisclosed price.

SPECIAL POST OFFICE

Near the conference hall, a counter has been set where publications of the United Nations may be purchased. Another newly erected department is that which holds the special post office and cable office. At the same counter there are boxes for documents. Three telephone booths have also just been installed.

There are also offices for the ECAFE staff, and a large general office. While in session, the doors of the hall will be kept closed, with a sign indicating it.

Between sessions, delegates may relax in a lounge with a bar attached, where they can obtain refreshments.

US Carrier Leaves

The 38,000-ton American aircraft carrier USS (Capt. D. Welch) left port this morning in the company of four destroyers, after a recreational visit over the New Year holidays. The accompanying destroyers were the Osborn, Hollister, Arnold, J. Isbell and Frank Knox.

The transport George Clymer also left.

Entering port on a recreational visit this morning is the radar picket submarine Spahn, (1,970 displacement tons) under the command of Commander R. W. Werthmuller.

Our next big cruise to let our boys down will be the Royal Easter Show, and already record entries have been received in many sections.

The only thing likely to put a stopper on this Show growing each year is the fact that its acres and buildings can expand no more.

JAPANESE WHALERS

Four Japanese whalers, with a crew totalling 89, called at Sydney last week to take in

supplies before leaving for the Antarctic.

Tiny Captain T. Ueda, master of the fleet, welcomed a reporter aboard, indicated that he could not speak English, pointed to a number of empty beer bottles, then went to sleep.

Second Officer K. Uemura deputised for the skipper and in perfect English regretted that he could not offer the reporter any beer because there was none left. Uemura said "he learned to speak English in the Fisheries College in Tokyo. His one ambition in Sydney was to buy two boxes of coffee and cocoa."

IMMIGRANTS' GESTURE

And now—the final Christmas story until next year. . . . An elderly New Australian stood looking over the heads of children gazing into a toy-filled window of a shop in Bourke Street, Melbourne on Christmas Eve.

He walked into the shop and said: "Please, if I give you £150 will you see that toys are sent to the children's homes of Melbourne?" He handed the money across the counter in £5 notes.

He seemed surprised when the manager of the store shook him by the hand and told him he had done a wonderful thing.

Programme For Tonight's Concert

Tonight at 9.30 at the Empire Theatre is the first of Julius Katchen's two piano recitals; the second concert is tomorrow at the same time and place.

Tonight's programme will consist of three major works, preceded by two of Brahms's Intermezzi, Opus 117, Nos. 1 and 2, which open the programme. There follows Beethoven's Sonata No. 23 in E minor, known as the "Appassionata," and then another Sonata, the great B minor Sonata of Chopin, not the one containing the Funeral March, but a work written some years later.

The second part of the programme consists of Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," also familiar to music lovers in its orchestral arrangement by Ravel.

This work consists of a series of sketches of people and places familiar to the composer; in between the pictures is a "promenade" theme, intended to suggest the onlookers who walk from one picture to another.

Julius Katchen played this same programme two nights ago in Macao to the Circolo de Cultura Musical. The concert was attended by the Governor of Macao and a large and appreciative audience. A review of tonight's concert will appear in tomorrow's "China Mail."

Arbenz Not Guilty Behind 'Curtain'

Paris, Jan. 4.

Ex-President Jacob Arbenz of Guatemala held a press conference here tonight to deny categorically that he had any intention of going behind the Iron Curtain to make contacts with Soviet leaders.

Forty-five-year-old Arbenz was deposed from the Guatemalan Presidency last year. He first went to Mexico then arrived in Paris from Amsterdam's day ago.

He took part in no political activity at the moment, he was going to Switzerland for a holiday which will probably last two months. —Reuter.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

On the house

LEONARD worked in one of those great London hotels whose managements have to be careful lest they offend their guests by under-charging them.

All Leonard's working life had been spent in such hotels. He started as a page-boy in one, and now, at 29, had graduated to being a floor-walker.

Floor-walkers in the hotels, it seems, start at the top and work downwards.

For the tips that may come the way of say waiting on the tenth floor, say where the rooms are a shade less palatial than those below, are as nothing compared to the lavish gifts guests bestow in the suites on the lower floors.

GOING DOWN

LEONARD had progressed as far as working on the sixth floor.

At the height of the season his tips there added up to something like £6 a week. But in the dog-days they slumped cruelly, sometimes to as little as 10s. or 21.

He still had his wages, and, with his long experience, should have been prepared for the decline, ready with a tighter budget for the family he lived with—his wife, small son, mother and father.

But this year, instead of doing that, Leonard devised a scheme which he hoped might offset his lowered earning power.

RAIL

IN the hotel the price of a French breakfast—or café complet, as the house name was for the roll, butter, and coffee—was the same as that charged for a packet of 20 cigarettes.

By scribbling on guests' bills a pencil scrawl that might have been deciphered to read either café complet or cigarettes Leonard for a time obtained a free supply of cigarettes for himself and his father.

Then the hotel tumbled to what was happening. A security officer made his way to the sixth floor, in a short, violent interview Leonard explained to him his system.

At Great Marlborough Street next day the case against Leonard was adjourned. Leonard was set free, on bail.

A RISE

A WEEK later he was back in the dock, a pale, dark, neatly-dressed man.

He pleaded guilty to three charges of stealing cigarettes from his employers, and asked for five other cases to be taken into consideration.

The story was told to the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, VC. Then Leonard's counsel rose.

"Only last week," he said, "the hotel put up this man's wages by £1."

"He's been dismissed, I suppose," said the magistrate asked.

"Yes, sir."

"I suppose he'll be barred now from the first-class hotels?"

FOLLY

COUNSEL did not answer, but went on to outline the excellence of Leonard's character, the highlights of his career.

"This was a case of folly as much as dishonesty," he said. "The defalcations were bound to come out."

He sat down, and the magistrate turned to Leonard. "You've done yourself enormous harm," he said.

"Other hotel proprietors will want to know why you left this job. You have a most excellent record."

"I shall discharge you absolutely, but you must pay £10 10s. costs to the prosecutor. This is all a great pity."

"Thank you," said Leonard, his head bowed, and he walked away. But not too fast.

For during his week on bail he had found himself another job, almost as good as the last. A fact that was mentioned in court, but did not reach the judge. For Leonard's counsel had just as he walked away.